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For: LINE QUALITY MONITORING )  
APPARATUS AND METHOD )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English language version of an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. Further, English abstracts of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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Additionally, Applicant points out that Japanese Publication No. 3-140039 previously cited in the IDS filed February 26, 3003, is discussed in the enclosed Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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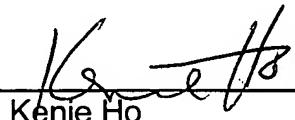
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